

# St. Agnes Catholic Community

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Diverse  
Inclusive Jesuit



## Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am	Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
10:30am	Weekdays: 8:30am
6:00pm	Holy Days: 8:30am & 5:30pm

### Mission Statement

#### **We the people of Saint Agnes are:**

an inclusive urban community, rich in diversity of age, ethnicity, gender, orientation, culture, talent, & treasure; a faith community, enlivened and empowered through Baptism to celebrate and proclaim the presence of Christ among us.

#### **We declare to one and all that we commit ourselves to:**

grow spiritually as disciples of Christ to become men and women for others build community through hospitality, ecumenism and social & cultural events understand cultural differences and accept them as sources of enrichment give loving service & outreach to those in need promote social justice issues in our neighborhood and in the larger community of city, nation, and world.

**We pledge ourselves to be a light in the darkness through the love that we share in the name of Christ and through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

## August 19 & 20, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I was struck by an article on how today's youth lacked empathy. After all, if they're constantly glued to their mobile devices and have less direct interaction with people, how could they 'walk in someone else's shoes?' Interestingly, I'm seeing a lot of adults behaving the same way too, especially some of our country's leaders.

But how does one learn or teach empathy? Just like mercy and compassion, it is an emotion that is learned by experience, or taught to us directly or by example. If there's a universal truth across most religions, it's probably this: **Treat others as you would want others to treat you.** It's about understanding where the other person is coming from, and respecting their views the way you would your own. This teaching is not unique to Christianity, but is also taught in Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and other faiths. Having a faith-based understanding of empathy helps create a community and a society that values peace, compassion, acceptance, and solidarity.

Ignatian Spirituality helps us focus on the practice of Service, i.e., helping those most in need. But it's when we go beyond 'feeling sympathy for others' to 'putting ourselves in their shoes' that we encounter God's full grace. Feeling sorry for someone still has the you-and-me dichotomy. Whereas feeling empathetic with someone creates a oneness and shared experience that is singular.

"And you shall not oppress a stranger; for you know the heart of a stranger, seeing you were strangers in the land of Egypt." (Exodus 23:9) I think this speaks true today – who are we to condemn or forsake immigrants and refugees, after all our forefathers were once immigrants too. Since some of our leaders lack the moral compass to be empathetic, it is critical that we step up and become role models to each other and our children.

Enjoy this little story:

An elderly woman and her little grandson, whose face was sprinkled with freckles, spent the day at the zoo. Lots of children were waiting in line to get their cheeks painted by a local artist.

"You've got so many freckles, there's no place to paint!" a girl in the line said to the grandson.

Embarrassed, he dropped his head. His grandmother knelt next to him. "I love your freckles. When I was a little girl I always wanted freckles," she said. "Freckles are beautiful."

The boy looked up, "Really?"

"Of course," she said. "Why just name me one thing that's prettier than freckles."

The grandson thought for a moment, peered intensely into his grandma's face and softly whispered, "Wrinkles."

*Marco Matute, Administrative Asst.*

# Parish Information

## Parish Staff & Ministries

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.
<b>Priest in Residence</b>	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
<b>Director of Liturgy &amp; Music</b>	Frank Uranich
<b>Director of Operations &amp; Admin.</b>	Maureen Beckman
<b>Director of Children's Faith Formation &amp; Ignatian Spiritual Life Center</b>	Natalie Terry
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Marco Matute
<b>Sexton</b>	Mario Hernandez
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Grinthal
<b>Sacristans</b>	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
<b>Altar Linens &amp; Vessels</b>	Nita Zarilla
<b>Art &amp; Environment</b>	Marilyn Thickett, Marco Matute
<b>Consolation Ministry</b>	Naomi Mayer
<b>Finance Committee Chair</b>	Chris Roman
<b>Food Pantry Director</b>	Stacey Shaffer
<b>Funeral Ministry</b>	Jim Connor
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	Mary Alba
<b>Ignatian Spirituality Ministry</b>	Barbara Nelson
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Felina Lapuz
<b>Marriage Prep Classes</b>	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
<b>Peanut Butter Brigade</b>	Nancy Stretch
<b>R.C.I.A.</b>	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
<b>Rita da Cascia</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>Young Adult Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com">YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com</a>

## August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For your prayerful consideration,  
readings for next week:*  
**Isaiah 22.15,19-23•  
Romans 11.33-36 • Matthew 16.13-20**

Date	Intention	Presider
<b>Aug. 19</b> 4:00 PM	Richard Kain (L)	Fr. Cristobal Madero
<b>Aug. 20</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes Barbara Fitzgerald (D) Jesuit West Province	Fr. Jay Hooks Fr. Cristobal Madero Fr. Jay Hooks
<b>Aug. 21</b> 8:30 AM	Sally Tongson (L)	Fr. Cristobal Madero
<b>Aug. 22</b> 8:30 AM	Tom Snyder (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Aug. 23</b> 8:30 AM	Heather Heyer (D)	Fr. Jay Hooks
<b>Aug. 24</b> 8:30 AM	H. Jay Cullen (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>Aug. 25</b> 8:30 AM	Berke M.M. Bates (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Aug. 26</b> 4:00 PM	Richard Kain (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Aug. 27</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	A. Banks-Guy (D) Tom & Lori Naso (D) Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Jay Hooks Fr. Kevin O'Brien Fr. Joe Spieler

D = Deceased; L = Living

## Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays • 3pm – 3:45pm or by appointment

## Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9am to 4:30pm

(Closed Noon-1pm for lunch)

Phone: 415-487-8560

Fax: 415-487-8575

## St. Agnes Stewardship

**Last Sunday Collection: \$2,870**

Last year: \$3,193

4pm: \$562; 8:30am: \$494; 10:30am: \$1,277; 6:00pm: \$537

**EFT for July: \$8,285.54**

## New Parishioners

You are Home! Welcome to a great parish community! Please fill out a registration form found at the entrances to the church or stop by the rectory to add your name to our mailing list. We invite you to support Saint Agnes generously and to participate in the various programs that are offered here and through the Spiritual Life Center. All are welcome!

## Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office for information about the following: Anointing of the Sick \* Baptism \* Children's Faith Formation & Liturgy of the Word \* Communion for the Homebound \* Marriage \* Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

## Children's Care during Liturgy

Care is provided for children 18 months through 5 years of age during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Our Daycare Room is located across from the daily mass chapel and is open for all Masses. Parents with children under 18 months are welcome to use the daycare room as long as at least one parent stays with the child.

## Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

The Spiritual Life Center (1611 Oak Street) provides programs and services to the parish and larger faith community through educational programs, opportunities for prayer, and community events. It houses a library, book center, garden, and chapel. Visit [www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org).



## COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Natalie Terry at [Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com) or 415-487-8560 x225.

ISLC Office Hours: please call for an appointment

### Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention "Artists"

*"That Artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation."*

### A Call to Prayer & Public Witness Silent Peace Vigil

Thursday, Aug. 24; 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
On the steps of St. Agnes Church

On the 4th Thursday of each month the community of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center hosts an evening peace vigil, a continuation of our 24-hour vigil last November.

In response to the events in Charlottesville we will gather on the steps of St. Agnes for our peace vigil this week to pray for peace and stand witness to God's love.

As we process the unspeakable violence and as we see, yet again, the ugliness of the sin of racism we ask God for wisdom, for courage, for vision to transform our hearts and continue to build the beloved community.

### Radical Hospitality Mini-Retreat: Tuesdays, September 12, 19, & 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00pm at the ISLC

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, who said: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." from the Rule of St. Benedict 53:1. Hospitality is the friendly and generous reception of guests and strangers. "Hospitality is at the heart of Christianity," writes Loni Collins in her book, Radical Hospitality. So how do we become more radically welcoming like Jesus?

In this mini-retreat, we will explore radical hospitality, towards ourselves and others, through quiet prayer, gospel reflections, and contemplative listening and sharing. We will explore how hospitality begins inside, what it means to welcome the other, and listen to the call of hospitality in our lives and in our communities. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions. However, if you can only attend one session, please feel free to register. All are welcome.

*\*\* Colette Lafia is a writer, spiritual director, and retreat leader. She's the author of Seeking Surrender, and Comfort & Joy.*

## Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in memory or in honor of someone, just email Marco at [Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com) or call (415) 487-8560 ext. 224. Mass Intentions can be used to honor other special occasions and events like a death anniversary, birthday, healthy recovery, etc. When requesting for a Mass Intention, please provide the preferred date (if available) or first available date, and if you wish a Mass card. The suggested donation is \$10.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Sessions will begin in September. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now. Please call Cathy Collins at 415.487.8560, ext. 276 or email [Cathy@saintagnessf.com](mailto:Cathy@saintagnessf.com) for more information.



## Register for Children's Faith Formation



Our Children's Faith Formation Program for 2017-2018 will begin in the Fall for children in 1st - 8th grades. If you wish to enroll your child in Faith Formation and/or Sacramental Preparation classes, you can do so today in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to our website: [www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff.html](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff.html)
- 2) Fill out the registration form.
- 3) Pay online or send a check (payable to St. Agnes Church) to 1025 Masonic Ave, SF 94117, Attention: Natalie Terry

Feel free to contact Natalie Terry if you have any questions, 415-487-8560 x225.

## Sanctuary Update and Action

We want to update you on the California Values Act and invite you to join us for an upcoming event. The California Values Act (known as SB54 or the "Sanctuary State Bill") has passed the state senate and has passed 2 of the 3 Assembly Committees. The Appropriations Committee of the Assembly will hear this bill on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The is an upcoming event for your participation to help pass this bill are:

- 1.) **Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** (all day). This is the day of the Assembly Appropriations Committee vote. We will be joining other organizations in Sacramento that day for the final committee hearing. A show of force will be tremendously helpful.

If you are willing to join us for this activity, please contact Garry Bieringer (415) 370-6589, [garrybieringer@gmail.com](mailto:garrybieringer@gmail.com), who is volunteering to coordinate and will coordinate transportation. Thank you in advance.

## September is Nametag Month!

September is nametag month at St. Agnes! Nametags are a St. Agnes tradition during the month of September so we all get a chance to become re-acquainted with each other after the summer break. It's also a great opportunity to introduce yourself to someone new at the parish as well!

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### ONGOING AT THE IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



#### Tuesday Morning Mindfulness

Tuesday Morning Mindfulness will resume on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 10am.

#### Thursday Morning Faith Sharing

Faith sharing will resume on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 10:00am!

#### Monthly Peace Vigil

*Fourth Thursday of the Month  
August 24, 6-8pm*

Each month we gather to pray for God's peace to be poured out upon the world. Carve out some time to pray in community and find your center. The chapel will be reserved for meditation, the library will be open and tea will be served.

#### Book Club

If you enjoy lively discussion over a glass of wine and tasty snacks, come join us! The Book Club meets monthly (Sept. – June) the last Friday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00pm. All are welcome!

#### *Everybody's Fool*

By Richard Russo

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

#### Young Adult Ministry

The St. Agnes Young Adult Group will meet on **Sunday, August 27 immediately after the 10:30am Mass** in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center for fellowship (mimosas will be served). To receive Our emails, contact: [YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com).

#### Holy Yoga

Holy Yoga will take a break during the month of August and classes will resume on **Monday, September 11th from 7:00-8:00pm**. This will be a sacred time of using a slow flow yoga postures and breath work to ground into truth and set our focus for the week. We'll practice showing up as simply and honestly as we can manage so that our focus can shift from us to God, and we can begin to sense His grace (Matthew 6:6). All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10min early to get settled in.

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
And ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## Stewardship Prayer

Lord and source of all gifts, I rejoice in the fullness of your generosity. I thank you for those whose lives are visible signs of your love and blessing to others. Give me the courage to do the same. Make me a good steward of all I have received generously sharing my time, abilities and material resources to build up your kingdom of love and justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ, in whom we begin and end all things. Amen.

## Prayer of St. Francis

*(Prayer for Peace)*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we  
receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and  
it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen